

11 March 1966

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Development Branch, P&DS

SUBJECT: Report on Recent Trip [REDACTED]

1. In a recent trip [REDACTED] (6 - 9 March), several discussions were held and some interesting facts disclosed. I think it important to report these to you. Those items which concerned only the contract monitors for [REDACTED] have already been communicated: the set in this memorandum is more in keeping with your own responsibilities.

2. [REDACTED] T/O indicated he was not able to process reasonably long lengths of 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch film in his tests on the [REDACTED] Enlarger. Processors of this size are not only expensive, but they occupy room. [REDACTED] informs me of the possibility of a 35mm size back, but I tried to discourage this. I think it important to cover and study the entire format as originally designed [REDACTED]. I suggested (and he heartily endorsed) that we send him as GFE [REDACTED] processor - [REDACTED] used to be heaped with them -- we in the laboratory are turning one back in. This would go a long way towards solving their processing problems. It is small, portable, and can be used easily with only a minor electrical modification in the plug.

3. It appears that in an effort to apprise [REDACTED] progress, and preserve friendly and cooperative relationships [REDACTED] is jeopardizing the progress in evaluating the [REDACTED] Enlarger. The work of installing and adjusting the enlarger is now completed [REDACTED] continues to demand conferences, meetings, etc. (the last demand was for one on "neutral ground"). I feel they are beginning to interfere. If they were competent to handle the job technically, they would have been awarded the contract. All they can do now is cloud the issue, be-devil [REDACTED] (and pick brains while they're at it), and generally confuse the work [REDACTED] has been assigned. I therefore, in the absence of the contract monitor, ordered [REDACTED] to turn all [REDACTED] communications, no matter how trivial, over to the contract monitor, and to have no direct communication in the form of phone conversations, letters, or meetings without the express concurrence (and initiation) of the contract monitor. I further suggest we send both companies a letter which states that [REDACTED] is now evaluating the equipment; that the final report will be made available [REDACTED] when completed; that there is to be no inter-communication without going through us, in the interests of objectivity. Please countermand my order [REDACTED] if you do not desire this state.

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4. [REDACTED] continues to push its model facility: they're interested in funding for fiscal 1967 and subsequently. I indicated that I personally had only one interest in it, but did not mention it [REDACTED] -- I will discuss it later in this memo [REDACTED] said he'd try to talk to [REDACTED] in the interests of examining community interest. I feel [REDACTED] [REDACTED] office might be interested, and he will pursue this later with the appropriate representatives.

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